

Did You Notice that Sign?

Message from Mike Wisherop, April 2016



Every day we are inundated with signs - on your way to work, at work and on your way home. Signs tell you how to drive, where to catch a bus, which lane to ride your bike in, where you can't park, where you can smoke, the location of emergency equipment, and of course, a multitude of hazard warnings. **We see so many signs, that many of us suffer from sign fatigue.** We travel past signs without paying attention to them. Even when new signs are added, we don't always notice them.

When it comes to safety, we cannot let this happen. Signs communicating hazards and hazard controls provide important information to emergency responders and other visitors. If you have not entered a particular room (lab, shop or chemical storage area) before, it is vital that you read the door sign to understand what potential hazards are inside, who to contact for safe access and how to protect yourself from hazards in the area with proper personal protective equipment (PPE).

No matter where you work, **it is important that you periodically review the door signs** to ensure they address the current hazards and have up to date contacts and their current phone numbers. Door sign hazards and PPE requirements must match those listed in the area's WPC Activities.

CAUTION				
Division: MSD Building: 67 Room: 4204				
MINIMUM AREA PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:				
Safety Glasses, Long Pants and Closed-Toe Shoes				
APPLICABLE FORMAL WORK AUTHORIZATIONS:				
none				
COMMENTS:				
Ammonia gas is used in this operation				
CONTACT INFORMATION:				
Role	Name	Office Location	Work Phone #	Other Phone#
AREA SAFETY LEADER	Shahid Alami	67 - 4116	495-2649	510-525-7438
ADDITIONAL CONTACTS	Trey Kuykendall	67 - 4112	486-7874	510-848-8348
FOUNDRY SAFETY TECH	Carleton Falsone	67 - 3208L	486-7679	408-621-5234
BUILDING MANAGER	Gil Torres	62 - 104A	486-5395	510-289-5137
DOY SAFETY COORDINATOR	Mike Wisherop	67 - 3205	486-7404	510-289-1553

Up-to-date, accurate signs can help us avoid DOE compliance findings such as prescriptive PPE requirements listed on the door that are not followed in the area. One example is a microscope lab with PPE requirements that include wearing safety glasses, but they are not being worn while using the microscopes. When certain PPE is only required for specific tasks, those tasks must be identified by a WPC activity and the tasks requiring the PPE indicated on the door sign. Your MSD EH&S technician (whose number can be found on technical area door signs) is available to assist with updating signs.

Thank you,

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